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Administration

Washington D.C. 20250

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SUBJECT: LOCATION OF APPEAL HEARINGS

TO: State Directors, District Directors and County Supervisors

## PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:

The purpose of this FmHA Administrative Notice is to describe where the National Appeals Staff will conduct appeal hearings in each State. Due to the large increase in the number of appeals filed, the limited number of hearing officers and the time constraints of the applicable laws and regulations, it is necessary to make improvements in the scheduling and hearing process.

Beginning December 1, 1989, the National Appeals Staff will conduct hearings in designated locations in each State. These locations have been selected so that the appellants will not have to travel more than 100 miles to attend a hearing. Specific hardship cases will be handled on a non-routine basis. This method of arranging for hearing locations will result in an increased number of hearings per hearing officer and provide increased service to the public.

## COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:

No previous AN has been written on this subject.

## IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

The attached list of States with designated hearing locations will be used by the National Appeals Staff to arrange for sites in order to conduct hearings on appeals filed pursuant to Section 1900-B of FmHA's instructions. The appellants and the FmHA decision makers will be required to travel to the designated sites for the hearings. Hearing officers may spend a week in the designated location and attempt to conduct as many hearings as is prudent and feasible on appeals from appellants who live within 100 miles of that particular location in that State. The FmHA decision makers will be required to arrange their schedules to attend the hearings set up for those locations. If they cannot attend, they must send a representative.

EXPIRATION DATE: October 31, 1990

FILING INSTRUCTIONS: Preceding FmHA Instruction 1900-B

## FMHA HEARING LOCATIONS

STATE

CITY/TOWN

Alabama

Huntsville Mobile Montgomery Tuscaloosa

Alaska

Palmer

Arizona

Flagstaff Kingman Phoenix Tuscon Yuma

Arkansas

El Dorado Fayetteville Forrest City Little Rock Monticello Texarkana

California

Bakersfield Fresno Red Bluff Riverside Stockton

Colorado

Craig Denver Durango

Grand Junction

Pueblo Sterling

Connecticut

Mansfield Center

Waterbury

Delaware

Milford Newark

Florida

Gainesville Pensacola Tallahassee

Tampa

West Palm Beach

Due to this geographic bunching of appeal hearings, some appellants will receive hearings faster than others. However, the overall effect will be to provide more hearings and less delay for all appellants.

The National Appeals Staff will use the attached locations in advising appellants of where their hearings will be held. The locations are not carved in stone and changes may be made in the future of circumstances warrant.

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Attachment

Georgia

Albany Athens Marietta Vidalia

Hawaii

Hilo

Idaho

Boise Coeur d'Alene Lewiston Pocatello

Illinois

LaSalle Mount Vernon Springfield

Indiana

Bedford Fort Wayne Greenburg Indianapolis Lafayette

Iowa

Council Bluffs Des Moines Iowa City Mason City Sioux City

Kansas

Dodge City
Independence
Oakley
Salina
Topeka
Wichita

Kentucky

Lexington Owensboro Paducah Prestsville

Louisiana

Baton Rouge Lake Charles Monroe Shreveport

Maine

Bangor Lewiston Presque Isle Nevada

Elko Ely Fallon Las Vegas Winnemuca

New Hampshire

Berlin Concord

New Jersey

Berlin Flemington Mays Landing Mt. Holly

New Mexico

Albuquerque Clovis Gallup Las Cruces Las Vegas Roswell

New York

Albany
Batavia
Central Islip
Ithaca
Jamestown
Kingston
Syracuse

North Carolina

Asheville Fayetteville Rocky Mount Statesville

North Dakota

Bismarck Fargo Grand Forks Minot

Ohio

Cambridge
Canton
Columbus
Finley
Jackson
Mansfield
Marrietta
Middletown
Springfield
Toledo

Maryland

Chestertown Frederick Salisbury

Massachusetts

Amherst Bourne

Michigan

Adrian
Battle Creek
Escanada
Gaylord
Lansing
Marquette
Mount Pleasar

Mount Pleasant Sault Ste. Marie

Minnesota

Alexandria Crookston Grand Rapids Mankato Rochester St. Cloud

Mississippi

Grenada Hattiesburg Jackson Southaven

Missouri

Columbia Farmington Independence Springfield

Montana

Billings Bozeman Great Falls Miles City Missoula Wolf Point

Nebraska

Alliance Kearney Lincoln North Platte

Omaha O'Neil Valentine Oklahoma

Lawton McAlester Oklahoma City

Tulsa Woodward

Oregon

Baker Eugene Madrus Medford Pendleton Salem

Pennsylvania

Danville
Harrisburg
Pittsburgh
Scranton
Sharon

State College

Rhode Island

West Warwick

South Carolina

Augusta Charleston Florence Greenville Rock Hili

South Dakota

Mitchell Pierre Rapid City Watertown

Tennessee

Cookeville
Jackson
Knoxville
Memphis
Nashville

Texas

Abilene Amarillo Arlington Beaumont Brady

Corpus Christi Fort Stockton

Lubbock

New Braunfels

Utah

Cedar City Richfield Roosevelt Salt Lake City

Vermont

Montpelier Newport Rutland

Virginia

Charlottesville Fredericksburg Roanoke South Hill Williamsburg Wytheville

Washington

Everette
Olympia
Pasco
Spokane
Wenatchee
Yakima

West Virginia

Charleston Clarksburg Martinsburg

Wisconsin

Ashland Eau Claire Madison Wausau

Wyoming

Casper Cheyenne Gillette Rook Springs Worland

OTHER LOCATIONS

Puerto Rico

San Juan

Virgin Islands